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AGENDA FOR DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Agenda for development". The General Assembly also decided that the debate on the item should be held in plenary meeting, on the understanding that action on it would be taken in the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 30th and 35th meetings, on 29 November and 13 December 1994. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/49/SR.30 and 35).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on an agenda for development: recommendations (A/49/665);

(b) Note by the President of the General Assembly (A/49/320).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/49/L.41 AND L.70

4. At the 30th meeting, on 29 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, joined subsequently by Australia and Mexico, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/49/L.41) entitled "An agenda for development", which read as follows:

"An agenda for development

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 47/181 of 22 December 1992 and 48/166 of 21 December 1993,

"Taking note of the reports submitted by the Secretary-General on an agenda for development, 1/

"Welcoming the World Hearings on Development promoted by the President of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly, and convened in New York from 6 to 10 June 1993, which provided a substantive contribution to the ongoing debates on an agenda for development, and taking note with appreciation of the note by the President of the forty-eighth session of the Assembly containing his summary of the World Hearings on Development, 2/

"Noting the debates held within the high-level segment of the substantive session of 1994 of the Economic and Social Council, and taking note with appreciation of the summary and conclusions of the President of the Council, 3/

"Underlining its commitment to the elaboration of an action-oriented consensual framework to promote international cooperation for development and to strengthen the role of the United Nations in the economic and social sectors,

"1. Decides to establish an ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly to further elaborate an action-oriented, comprehensive agenda for development which should begin its work as early as possible in 1995;

"2. Requests the ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly, in its deliberations on its work, to take into account the recommendations presented by the Secretary-General pursuant to Assembly

1/ A/48/689, A/48/935 and A/49/665.

2/ A/49/320, annex, sect. II.

3/ E/1994/109.

resolutions 47/181 and 48/166; the summary of the World Hearings on Development; 2/ the outcome of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 1994 of the Economic and Social Council; and the views expressed by representatives in the high-level debate held during the present session of the Assembly, as well as the proposals presented by groups and/or States;

"3. Also requests the ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly to consider appropriate modalities for the adoption of an agenda for development, including the convening at an appropriate date of a United Nations conference on development;

"4. Further requests the ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly to submit a report on the progress of its work to the Assembly before the conclusion of its present session;

"5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda for its fiftieth session the item entitled 'An agenda for development'."

5. At the 35th meeting, on 13 December, the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Sher Afgan Khan (Pakistan), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.41.

6. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the Secretary of the Committee read out a statement pertaining to the conference-servicing implications of the draft resolution (see A/C.2/49/SR.35).

7. At its 35th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.70 without a vote (see para. 10, draft resolution).

8. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, and Brazil made statements.

9. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.70, draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.41 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Agenda for development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/181 of 22 December 1992 and 48/166 of 21 December 1993,

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Taking note of the reports submitted by the Secretary-General on an Agenda for Development, 4/

Welcoming the World Hearings on Development promoted by the President of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly, and convened in New York from 6 to 10 June 1994, which provided a substantive contribution to the ongoing debates on an Agenda for Development, and taking note of the note by the President of the forty-eighth session of the Assembly and his summary of the World Hearings on Development, 5/

Noting the debates held within the high-level segment of the substantive session of 1994 of the Economic and Social Council, and taking note of the summary and conclusions of the President of the Council, 6/

Underlining its commitment to the elaboration of an action-oriented consensual framework to promote international cooperation for development and to strengthen the role of the United Nations in the economic and social sectors,

1. Decides to establish an ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly to elaborate further an action-oriented, comprehensive Agenda for Development, which should begin its work as early as possible in 1995;

2. Requests the ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly, in its deliberations, to take into account the reports, and the recommendations contained therein, submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to Assembly resolutions 47/181 and 48/166, 4/ the outcome of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 1994 of the Economic and Social Council, the views expressed by representatives in the high-level debate held during the present session of the Assembly, as well as the summary of the World Hearings on Development, 5/ and proposals presented by groups and/or States, including the convening of a United Nations conference on development;

3. Requests the Economic and Social Council, at its organizational session for 1995, to consider ways and means for the Council to give further substantive input to the work of the ad hoc working group;

4. Requests the ad hoc working group to consider appropriate modalities for the finalization and adoption of an Agenda for Development;

5. Also requests the ad hoc working group to submit a report on the progress of its work to the General Assembly before the conclusion of its present session;

4/ A/48/689, A/48/935 and A/49/665.

5/ A/49/320, annex.

6/ E/1994/109.

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Agenda for Development".
